

## **Wilson Works to Save Auto Jobs**

### **Cosponsors “Automobile Dealer Economic Restoration Act”**

### **Votes in Favor of “Cash for Clunkers”**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is co-sponsoring legislation designed to help U.S. auto dealers. H.R. 2743, “The Automobile Dealer Economic Restoration Act,” will restore the economic rights of automobile dealers in order to protect jobs, workers, and small business owners.

Automobile dealers are one of the largest private sector employers in the United States. They provide tens of thousands of local jobs and contribute millions of dollars in tax revenues to states. A number of dealers in Ohio’s 6th District have been targeted for shut-down by General Motors and Chrysler.

“Forcing the unnecessary closure of dealerships without proper transparency will hit rural communities particularly hard,” Wilson said. “Our dealers play a key role in our communities. They provide essential services and important jobs that we can’t afford to lose.”

The Automobile Dealer Economic Restoration Act is endorsed by the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) and the American International Automobile Dealers Association (AIADA). Specifically the legislation would do the following:

- Restore the economic rights of General Motors and Chrysler car dealers as they existed prior to each company’s bankruptcies.
- Preserve General Motors and Chrysler car dealers’ rights to recourse under state law.
- At the request of an automobile dealer, require General Motors and Chrysler to reinstate franchise agreements in effect prior to each company’s bankruptcies.

- Make clear that the legislation is not intended to make null and void the court-ordered transfer of assets from Chrysler LLC to New CarCo Acquisition LLC or the transfer of General Motors assets that could be approved by a court after the introduction of the Act.

### **Wilson also Supports “Cash for Clunkers”**

In a second move designed to help save auto industry jobs, Wilson voted to support a “cash for clunkers” program that will allow consumers to trade in their old, gas-guzzling cars for vouchers worth up to \$4,500 to help families buy new, more fuel-efficient vehicles. The “Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Act” will spur the sale of up to one million more fuel-efficient cars and trucks.

“A million new cars is a big deal,” Wilson said. “That will boost our auto industry and help us all reduce our dependence on foreign oil by putting more fuel-efficient vehicles on the road.”

It is estimated that this program will reduce national annual gasoline consumption by more than 250 million gallons of gas.

The legislation provides rebates for cars and trucks in the following four categories:

- Passenger Cars: The old vehicle must get 18 mpg or less. New vehicles with improvement of at least 4 mpg will get a \$3,500 voucher. New vehicles with improvement of at least 10 mpg will get a \$4,500 voucher.
- Light-Duty Trucks: The old vehicle must get 18 mpg or less. New vehicles with improvement of at least 2 mpg will get a \$3,500 voucher. New vehicles with improvement of at least 5 mpg will get a \$4,500 voucher.
- Large light-Duty Trucks: The old vehicle must get 15 mpg or less. New vehicles with improvement of at least 1 mpg will get a \$3,500 voucher or trade-in of a “work truck.” New vehicles with improvement of at least 2 mpg will get a \$4,500 voucher.
- Work Trucks: The old vehicle must be a pre-2002 model. New vehicles in the same or smaller weight class will get a \$3,500 voucher.

This bipartisan legislation is supported by a broad coalition that includes the AFL-CIO, UAW, car dealers, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.